



FY 2018 FUNDING LEVEL	FY 2019 NVPN'S REQUEST
\$23.5 M	\$23.5 M

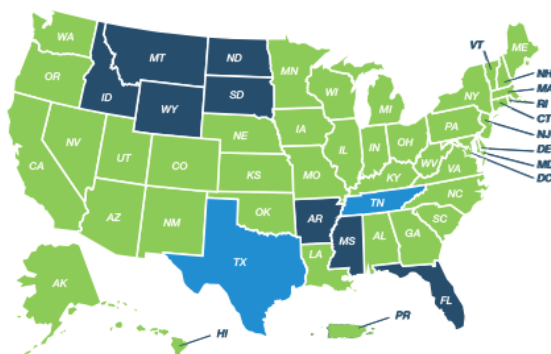
NATIONAL VIOLENT DEATH REPORTING SYSTEM (NVDRS)

Violent deaths are a serious public health problem in the United States.

- Every hour, nearly six Americans die from violence-related injuries. Annually, over **53,000** Americans die by homicide or suicide.
- Violent deaths cost the U.S. nearly **\$50 billion** in annual medical and lifetime work-related costs.

Data to inform policy: *Violent deaths are preventable.* To obtain the data necessary to track violent deaths and eventually develop prevention strategies, CDC administers NVDRS.

- NVDRS is a **state-based surveillance system that centralizes information** from a variety of state and local agencies and sources—medical examiners, coroners, police, crime labs, and death certificates—to **better characterize and monitor violent deaths.**
- NVDRS provides tools necessary for public health officials and policymakers to **design and implement targeted prevention efforts.**



Select a State

- NVDRS-funded states
- NVDRS-approved, but not funded
- States without NVDRS coverage

NVDRS has been essential in identifying problem areas and developing successful prevention efforts.

- A 2012 CRS report on suicide prevention efforts at the Veterans Administration (VA) highlights **NVDRS as a critical tool that can help track and analyze suicide among veterans, especially if the program is expanded nationwide.**
- NVDRS has enabled states to conduct evidence-informed violence prevention planning and implementation. For example, **states have used NVDRS to successfully compete for federal funding** for state-based homicide and suicide prevention efforts.
- In 2014, **Virginia** released a study using NVDRS data to raise awareness about the heightened risk for suicidal behavior for elderly people during the period of time prior to entering a nursing home.
- In **North Carolina**, NVDRS data showed that women were seven times more likely than men to be killed by a spouse, ex-spouse, or lover. Knowing the profiles of these victims and suspects can lead to appropriate interventions for prevention of intimate partner violence.
- In a special report issued in January 2013, the Mayors Against Illegal Guns called for **full implementation of NVDRS.**

The National Violence Prevention Network supports funding level of \$23.5 million to the CDC Injury Center for NVDRS to ensure nationwide expansion.

CONGRESSIONAL ASK:
SUPPORT FY2019 FUNDING LEVEL OF \$23.5M FOR NVDRS